



VolunteerBloomington!

QUOTE OF THE WEEK: "The opposite of love is not hate, it's indifference. The opposite of art is not ugliness, it's indifference. The opposite of faith is not heresy, it's indifference. And the opposite of life is not death, it's indifference." ~ Elie Wiesel

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Handyman Special at the History Center

The Monroe County History Center features a museum, genealogy library and a store, and runs a full schedule of programs for all ages. The Center is seeking experienced and skilled handymen or women to perform repairs and renovations as needed and also to provide basic property maintenance. Minimum age is 18. If interested, please contact Angi St. Clair at (812) 332-2517 or education@monroehistory.org. (www.monroehistory.org)

Keep Seniors Safe at Home – Oct. 6

Simple home maintenance and modifications can be the key to keeping our older neighbors safe and independent. Starting at 8:30 a.m. on Oct. 6, and ending before the Michigan State game, IU Health Bloomington and the Area 10 Agency on Aging is organizing the 'Safe at Home' event. Volunteers are needed to serve as House Captains (lead persons with knowledge of simple home repair) and Team Members (to do yardwork, change lightbulbs, install smoke detectors, or put in bathroom grab bars). Volunteers will meet for breakfast at the hospital, form teams, go to their assigned home and work for a couple of hours! Volunteers representing a business can have their businesses listed as partners. Minimum age is 16; 8 if with an adult. For more information, contact Holly McLauchlin at (812) 876-3383 ext. 522 or hmclauchlin@area10agency.org. (iuhealth.org/getstrong or <http://cicoa.org/safe-at-home>)

Buddy Walk for Down Syndrome – Oct. 7

Join 'Down Syndrome Family Connection' for the annual Buddy Walk at 3 p.m. on Sun., Oct. 7 at Bryan Park! They will have fun for the whole family, with live music, a carnival area, and more. There are plenty of opportunities for service, including organizing tee-shirts on Oct. 5 from 7-10 p.m., running carnival games (shifts are Oct. 7 from 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m.; 1:30-4 p.m.; or 11 a.m.-4 p.m.), and cleaning up from 4-6 p.m. Minimum age is 16. Please contact Cyndi Johnson at cyndi@downsyndromefamilyconnection.org. (www.downsyndromefamilyconnection.org)

Invasive Species Work Day – Oct. 7

The Monroe Lake property needs *your* help to take down Autumn Olive from 1:30-4 p.m. on Oct. 7. Autumn Olive is a non-native, invasive shrub that is harming native species through overcrowding and overshadowing. While it was originally planted for erosion control and wildlife food, it is an extremely vigorous grower and quickly got out of hand. Volunteers should bring work gloves, water, and, if you have them, hand tools suitable for tackling branches up to 1 ½ inches in diameter. Snacks will be provided. Meet the naturalist by the boat ramp parking lot in Cutright State Recreation Area located at the south end of the S.R. 446 causeway. Minimum age is 16; 12 if with an adult. Questions? Contact Jill Vance at (812) 837-9546 or jvance@dnr.in.gov. (www.in.gov/dnr/parklake/2954.htm)

PALS Fun Show – Oct. 20

People & Animal Learning Services (PALS) is looking for well organized and creative individuals to assist their Event Committee with the annual Fun Show on Oct. 20. Volunteers must be available to work a five hour shift setting up on Oct. 19 or during the show on Oct. 20. Minimum age is 16. Please contact Taryn Lyman at (812) 360-1342 or taryn@palstherapy.org. (www.palstherapy.org)

Community Wish List Spotlight

Cardinal Stage Company

A professional, non-profit theatre company which offers extensive outreach and educational programs to cultivate a passion for the arts in audiences of diverse ages, cultures and economic backgrounds. To grant a wish, contact Marc Tschida at (812) 336-7110 or marc@cardinalstage.org. (900 S. Walnut St., www.cardinalstage.org)

Wishes: Storage tubs, vacuum cleaner, heavy duty shelving, snow blower, construction lumber, projector, trailer (to pull behind a truck)

Use the [Community Wish List](#) to start a drive within your school, faith community or other group or take the list along shopping and add a few extra items to your cart. It WILL make a difference to those served by this organization.

The City of Bloomington Volunteer Network is your source for information about volunteering locally. For a complete listing, visit bloomington.in.gov/volunteer or call 349-3433. The inclusion of an organization in this list does not imply City endorsement or support of the organization's activities or policies.

